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### COMMUNICATION

In reply to the Office Communication of April 6, 2005, Applicant conducted the review requested by the Examiner on page 3 of the Restriction Flequirement dated August 26, 2004. Applicant is submitting with this Communication an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) listing co-pending applications of Applicant that set forth subject matter similar to the present claims of the above-identified application.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1066.

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